

(West Windsor, NJ) – Rep. Rush Holt (NJ-12) today released the following statement following President Obama’s announcement of drilling off the Atlantic Coast.

“Opening new areas of the Outer Continental Shelf to oil and gas exploration is dangerous for New Jersey’s economy and a step backwards for our nation’s energy and environmental policies. As I told Secretary Salazar when he hosted a public meeting here one year ago, deepening our dependence on fossil fuels does not contribute to our energy security. We need to focus our efforts on developing sustainable sources of energy - such as wind, waves, and water currents - that do not unnecessarily threaten our coastal communities.”